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SUBJECT: DEMARCHES TO AUSTRIA: COUNTRY SPECIFIC HUMAN
RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS AT THE UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE

REF: A. STATE 182267

[1](#)B. STATE 183547

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires a.i. Gregory E. Phillips. Reasons: 1
.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (SBU) Charge delivered ref (a) demarche on November 6 to
Engelbert Theuermann, the Austrian MFA's assistant
secretary-level Human Rights Director. Charge delivered ref

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(b) points to Theuermann upon receipt on November 7.

[1](#)2. (C) Theuermann said Austria shared U.S. views on the
country specific resolutions. He noted that all EU
countries, including Austria, would co-sponsor the
resolutions on Iran, Burma, North Korea and Belarus. On
Uzbekistan, he said Austria was a co-sponsor, and had
strongly pushed the view that the EU as a whole should
co-sponsor the Uzbekistan resolution. He confirmed, however,
that some EU member states were waiting for the outcome of
the November 8 Cooperation Council meeting before agreeing to
co-sponsor the resolution. He said he "hoped" that all EU
member states would join as co-sponsors after the November 8
meeting.

[1](#)3. (C) Theuermann said the EU had agreed to lobby for the
four resolutions its members were co-sponsoring, and
hopefully would do so for the fifth. He said he believed
strong U.S. engagement was crucial for the success of the
lobbying effort.

[1](#)4. (C) Austria supported the notion that Burma could be the
subject both of a Third Committee resolution and a UN
Security Council resolution.

[1](#)5. (C) Regarding retaliatory resolutions, Theuermann said
Austria agreed with U.S. views. Likewise, he confirmed that
Austria opposed no-action resolutions, and was lobbying
against them..
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